

## **Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 171**

### **RESOLUTION CHAPTER 124**

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 171—Relative to Vietnam War veterans.

[Filed with Secretary of State July 16, 2004.]

#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

ACR 171, Maze. Vietnam War veterans.

This measure would request the Governor to proclaim March 8, 2005, a day in honor of Vietnam War veterans and to proclaim that the State of California fly its flags at half-mast on that day in honor of these veterans.

WHEREAS, On March 8, 1965, the United States Marines sent 3,500 Marines that were the first known combat troops to land in South Vietnam; by the year 1968 there were over 500,000 troops stationed in South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, We owe our many thanks and gratitude to those who served during this difficult time because the average infantryman in Vietnam saw almost 240 days of combat during a one-year period; and

WHEREAS, Of the 2.6 million military personnel who served during this time in the South Pacific, between 1 and 1.6 million fought in combat, provided close support, or were fairly regularly exposed to enemy attack; and

WHEREAS, One out of every 10 Americans who served in Vietnam was a casualty, including a total of 58,169 killed and 304,000 wounded, which includes 75,000 Vietnam veterans who were severely disabled; and

WHEREAS, The troops who served during this time answered the call of duty during a time of need for our country and our expressed words of thanks will never be enough for what these troops sacrificed; and

WHEREAS, The lives that were lost and the families and friends who witnessed these tragedies have paid the highest price for freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, The troops, whether they chose to fight in Vietnam through enlisting or if the government drafted them, deserve our respect and our honor; and

WHEREAS, This resolution demonstrates to those who fought in the Vietnam War that, although the war is debatable, the troops and the

sacrifices the troops made will forever be in our hearts and in our minds; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring*, Requests that Governor Schwarzenegger proclaim March 8, 2005, a day in honor of Vietnam War veterans and proclaim that the State of California fly its flags at half-mast on that day in honor of these veterans; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

